MARINA OSWALD

Several very interesting documents by Marina appear in Vol. XVIII beginning on p.540. Her documents are in Russian and they are translated. I intend to go over them more exhaustively when I HAve time, but I want to here noteseveral very interesting things from them.

On p.541, Exhibit 988, a letter to the Dallas Civil Liberties Union, she acknowledges that as of December 7 the Secret Service had bean "'guarding' me". She said she may see anyone she pleases and, by inference, she does not wantto see Ruth Paine. What appears to be a different version of the same letter, both of have the same date and both are misdated 1964, appears on p.547 as Exhibit Ø992. It is considerably longer in this form and says more. The first version was translated by Mrs. Declan Ford, a member of the Dallas Russian community and a friend of the Oswalds, the second by Harris L. Coulter of the Department of State. In the second letter she says "I have no complaint about the Secret Service personnel who are 'protecting' me. ... I am completely free to go where I want and to see whom I want. ... I just don't want to see anybody ..." Again she extends apologies to Mrs. Paine. Presumably this followed an inquiry from Mrs. Paine that is not reflected in this volume.

On p.548 is the beginning of a lengthy handwritten document in Russina, Exhibit 993, identified only in the table of contents as "Narrative prepared by Marina Oswald". Its translation, identified as Exhibit 994, begins immediately following it on p.596. It also has no heading.

On p.635 she says, "In the beginning of October I remember that an FBI agent came to see our neighbor ... " Note this says October. The Commission reports two visits by Hosty in November, not the begin-

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ning of October. Of course, this could be a mistake. But the Commission makes no comment and doesn't indicate in any way that it could be an error. It is clear the purpose of this visit was to inquire about Marina and not Lee. She then says that on the following day the same agent visited the Paines where Marina lived and spoke to Mrs. Paine, questioning her about Lee. A week later he came with another man and left "in precisely five minutes". Marina's opinion of the whole thing "I think this was worse than nonsense". He did not talk with me, and as soon as I appeared in the room he hastened to leave." At the bottom of this page she acknowledges that she may be wrong on the dates.

On p.637 she says what confirms the opinion I offered in my analysis of the report, that Oswald's anger over getting a telephone call at his roominghouse in Dallas was because he feared for his job. Her words are "he said that he did not want people to get curious about his having been in Russia ... " and on p.638 she indicates that Oswald had no knowledge that Kennedy was coming to Dallas until she told him the night before. She says of the incident, "that evening Lee was not particularly agitated, did not in any particular way reveal his thoughts. Only when I told him that Kennedy was coming the next day to Dallas and asked how I could see him - on television, of course - he answered that he did not know." The rest of this paragraph is at variance with the picture the Commission has painted.

"I was busy around the house and Lee went to bed at 10 o'clock. He was asleep when I came into our room at 12:30. In the morning I did not usually get up to make breakfast for Lee - he always did that himself. (Again note that the Commission quotes her in the report as having said that Lee never ate breakfast.) At 7:00 a.m.

the alarm clock rang, but Lee did not get up. (Picture of a man planning an assassination?) After 10 minutes I woke him up and began to feed Rachel. He said that I should not get up, got dressed, said good-bye, and went out ... I was surprised that he had not eaten breakfast. The previous evening Lee had said that he would not come on Friday, as it was inconvenient to come so often."

This is hardly the version of the night before the assassination and the morning and the refusal of Marina to talk to him and all the other gory details that finally evolved before the Commission was finished its work. It does, however, seem to be the first version. It is undated.

On p.638, in contradiction to the ~~xxxxxx~~ implication that has been given that Marina was never going to live with Oswald again, she says of his request that she go to Dallas with him, "But I thought it was better to stay with Ruth Paine until Christmas, better to celebrate the holiday there/with friends."

On p.640 Marina says of the first visit by the police immediately after Oswald was arrested, "Then all of a sudden some policemen csme and began to search." The significance of this is the part that I have quoted elsewhere from the report in which it is revealed that the police did not get a search warrant until the following day.

On p.641 she says that the day Oswald was arrested the police "did not permit us to see Lee himself." The "us" referred to Marina, Oswald's mother and his brothers.

Then she discusses her meeting with Oswald the next day, saying he "soothed me, and told me not to worry. Everything would be sll right, and all would be cleared up." There is none of the dramatic interpretations of what she read in his eyes and all of that stuff that subsequently she apparently told the Commission revealed here,

either in words or in spirit.

On the last page of the statement (642) Marina reveals her displeasure with the behavior of the FBI. She said, "I am a little offended at the FBI agents who have been tormenting me every day with their trivial questionings, some of which have absolutely nothing to do with Lee's case; for example, what sort of furniture we had in Russia, how many people lived in our house and their ages, not to mention questions about my friends and relatives. I think that they should not count on my practically becoming their agent if I desire to stay and live in the United States. ..."